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8 MS. JOHNSON: Good morning to you all. Many  
9 of us came on the 5th of September, and it's now the  
10 6th of September, and we're still here.

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11 My name is Natalie Johnson. I just want to  
12 introduce myself. I work at the Michael Calaghan  
13 Federal Hospital. Up by Nellis Air Force Base. The  
14 reason I point that out is because I work in the  
15 medical field. I am not a nurse, I'm not a doctor.  
16 But I see a lot of the kids that come in there from our  
17 gentlemen and our ladies who served in the war, and the  
18 Persian Gulf. We have a lot of sick babies. A lot of  
19 sick children with diseases you couldn't even imagine  
20 people could have.

21 And I point this out because something  
22 happened in our atmosphere. Something got destroyed in  
23 our atmosphere, and it projected. How it projected, I  
24 don't know. I'm not a scientist. And I'll never --  
25 I'm a mom. And I have children. And I'm concerned and

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1 I'm scared.

2 I thought about leaving a lot earlier today,  
3 and this evening. But I thought, no, this morning when

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4 I got up and I heard it on the news, after two days of  
5 hearing that this meeting was going to be tonight, I  
6 told my husband, I said, "Honey, I really want to go to  
7 that meeting." And he said, "Well, why don't you?"  
8 And that was in my heart. I said, I am a part of  
9 history that's going to happen, and I need to be here.

10 So I decided when I went to my dental  
11 appointment before I went to work this morning at 7:15,  
12 I would poll everybody I spoke to today and ask them  
13 how they felt, because I knew they couldn't make this  
14 meeting tonight. My dentist, and the people I had seen  
15 in the office, all felt it should not come here.

16 Something's wrong. Something's wrong with  
17 this. And I polled the people that I went to work with  
18 at the Michael Calaghan Federal Hospital, and they said  
19 the same thing, something's not right, something  
20 shouldn't be coming here.

21 In April of this year, I took my father back  
22 home to our state of West Virginia. A beautiful area.  
23 The highest point in West Virginia we live. The air is  
24 so pure, and from kids on up, we just got our spring  
25 water. And we get it fresh from this mountain. Comes

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1 right down and we go get water every day.

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2 So many people looked at me when I took my  
3 father back home in April to bury him beside my mother,  
4 who both died of cancer, and I looked at the people in  
5 our church, and I looked at their faces, and they said  
6 to me, "Too much cancer. What's happening?" And the  
7 only thing I could think of in my heart and my soul are  
8 the people I knew at the Michael Calaghan Federal  
9 Hospital who came to me who lived downrange here in the  
10 Sandy Valley, every other home they would say, somebody  
11 has cancer there.

12 And I can only think how, in the '50s, I was  
13 not here. I came in 1985 with my husband, and he was  
14 in the military at that time. I could only think that  
15 as our atmosphere kept, molecules kept moving, some  
16 wind picked it up and took it to my beautiful hills of  
17 West Virginia and it landed on a tree there, and the  
18 tree had water and the water had to go to the ground.  
19 And the cows came by and the cows ate it and the cows  
20 gave milk. And the milk and so on and so on. And my  
21 parents died of cancer.

22 I don't know what else to say. This is a  
23 terrible thing, it's a terrible byproduct that we have

24 for something that happened in World War II. And now

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25 we're going to suffer with this and what to do with it.

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1 I don't know what to say.

2 Should it be here in our state? I feel no.

3 If it's being contained in a container somewhere, then

4 let it stay in that container somewhere. And let our

5 scientists keep studying, as this scientist was here

6 earlier tonight, find out how we can do something about

7 it. I speak as a mom. And I speak as most of us in

8 our hearts speak. It's a scary situation we're in. I

9 thank you all for being here tonight. And letting us

10 come here. But it was a little bit too short

11 knowledge. Thank you, sir.